(d) and (e) Such proposals have been made from time to time but no time frame has been laid down for taking a decision in the matter.

Foreign training of officials

†1191. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tendency of higher officials of the Central and State Governments touring foreign countries in the name of training has grown in recent years;

(b) if so, Ministry-wise (Centre) and State-wise (State) details of the officials gone abroad during the last two years;

(c) the details of amount spent and achievements made from the said trainings/tours;

(d) the details of steps to be taken by Government to keep a check on such lavish expenditure in the name of said tours and rationalise them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) The nominations of Government officers for various training programmes abroad are made by the Department of Personnel and Training as well as by other Ministries/Departments as per the Ministries' own needs/requirements. These training programmes also include nominations made to the training programmes sponsored by other countries. The nominations for various training programmes in all the different Department/ Ministries are not monitored centrally.

Mid-term appraisal of Tenth Plan

†1192. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the mid-term appraisal of Tenth Five Year Plan period, the targets fixed in the country are not going to be achieved;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

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(c) the areas where target would not be achieved;

(d) whether it is also a fact that 58 policy decisions have been taken for implementation in the remaining years of the plan period; and

(e) if so, the details of the said decisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. As per the Mid Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan the growth rate for the first three years of the Plan is estimated to be 6.5% against a target of 8.1 per cent. The Tenth Five Year Plan had targeted to achieve a growth rate of 4.0%, 8.9% and 9.3% for agriculture, industry and services sector respectively. The achievements in the first three years of the Plan works out to 1%, 7% and 8.6% per annum respectively for these three sectors.

(d) and (e) The Mid Term Appraisal has identified 59 priority areas of action in agriculture, irrigation, rural development, watershed development, horticulture, fertilizer pricing, food processing, energy, social sector, power, rural energy, coal, petroleum, transport, infrastructure, labour and employment, industry, governance, etc. The details are available in the Mid-Term Appraisal of Tenth Five Year Plan (2002—2007), which is available in the Parliament library.

Mid-term review of Tenth Plan

†1193. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission have decided to decrease capital investment in certain sectors after mid-term review of Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the names of these sectors; and

(c) the amount decided to be decreased in each sector separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) As against the targeted requirement of investment of Rs. 4081.5 thousand crore for the Tenth Five Year Plan, the Mid-Term Appraisal estimates such investment to be of the order of Rs. 3582.2 thousand crore. The sectoral break-up and percentage reduction in the investment is given in the following Table.

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